

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
NASHVILLE DIVISION**

ORDER

The Joint Motion to Refer Case to Magistrate Judge for Judicial Settlement

Conference (Docket No. 26) is **DENIED**. First, this court has a preference for private mediation, when the parties can afford it, in that the Magistrate Judges are extremely busy in this district. Second, barring a compelling reason, the Magistrate Judge assigned to the case will conduct a judicial settlement conference, upon referral. In this case, the Magistrate Judge assigned is Joe Brown, not Magistrate Judge Griffin.

It is so ORDERED.

ENTER this 20th day of September 2012.


Aleta A. Trauger
U.S. District Judge